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*Congo: [Premier Tshombé apparently intends to commit mercenaries against the rebels shortly.]

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[redacted] They apparently are to lead "mobile groups" against the insurgents. Supply difficulties, however, may delay getting them into the field.]

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[redacted] Albertville, seat of leftist Gaston Soumialot's "Provisional Government," is in a state of near anarchy. Soumialot reportedly is in Kindu. Contrary to expectations, he appears not to be going to Stanleyville, where rebel "General" Olenga, in his frequent pronouncements since the fall of the city, has neglected to mention Soumialot's name. This may be an indication that Olenga intends to usurp rebel leadership.

It now appears improbable that "Ilyushin" transports ever landed in Stanleyville on 16 August. No further evidence has been uncovered to confirm their presence there

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British Guiana: [The political situation has been further muddled by the arrest of opposition leader Forbes Burnham on 17 August.]

[The precise reasons for the arrest are not clear. Burnham is charged with the illegal possession of 17 shotgun shells, although he is known previously to have turned in a shotgun and some shells to the authorities as required under the emergency regulations. He has been released on bail, pending trial on 31 August.]

[Five other members of Burnham's party, the People's National Congress, who have been held for questioning since last week, were ordered to prison by the colonial governor on 17 August. According to the governor, this group includes individuals probably responsible for all of the recent bombings in Georgetown, including that of Premier Jagan's party headquarters on 17 July. On 14 August the governor also told the US consul that he felt there was no evidence that Burnham was implicated in the bombings.]

[There is some indication that at least some of the evidence in the possession of the police may have been obtained by torture.]

[One consequence of this episode will probably be to rally the East Indian community to Jagan. This could tarnish the prospects for the new anti-Jagan Justice Party which has already attracted the interest of East Indians dissatisfied with the Jagan regime.]

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NOTE

*USSR-Zanzibar: The Soviet vessel Firyuza reportedly has delivered a small military cargo, including at least one aircraft, and twenty-five military advisers. This supplements the seventeen Soviets who now are training Zanzibaris in the use of small arms, artillery, and military vehicles delivered in March. The additional aid may be designed to meet requirements for the planned expansion of Soviet military training to encompass Tanganyikans as well as Zanzibaris.

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